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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 12, 2006

**MS** Amendment

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## Dear Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action of July 12, 2006. A petition for a two-month extension of time is attached thereby extending the period for reply to December 12, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments to the specification and claims, and remarks and arguments contained herein.